
Claims

Claims 1-20 (previously canceled).

21. (amended) A personal care product comprising a top sheet, a surge layer and an absorbent core, wherein the surge layer is positioned between the top sheet and the absorbent core, said surge layer comprises a compression resistant creased nonwoven first layer and a lower density second layer adjacent the first layer, said second layer having a density between 0.01 and 0.05 g/cc, and said second layer and said first layer being bonded together.

22. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the first layer has a basis weight between 5 and 50 gsm and said second layer has a basis weight between 25 and 250 gsm.

23. (amended) ~~The A personal care product of claim 21, wherein the surge layer further comprises~~ comprising a top sheet, a surge layer and an absorbent core, wherein the surge layer is positioned between the top sheet and the absorbent core, said surge layer comprises a compression resistant creased first layer, a lower density second layer adjacent said first layer, a third layer adjacent said first layer on a side of the first layer away from said second layer, said second and third layer- layers each independantly have has a density between 0.01 and 0.05 g/cc, and said second layer and said third layer and- are each independantly bonded to said first layer being bonded together.

24. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein said first and second layers are bonded together by a method selected from the group consisting of adhesive, mechanical, entanglement, thermal and ultrasonic means.

25. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein said second layer has been treated with a wettable surfactant.

26. (Amended) ~~The A personal care product of claim 21, comprising a top sheet, a surge layer and an absorbent core, wherein the surge layer is positioned between the top sheet and the absorbent core, said surge layer comprises a compression resistant creased first layer, a lower density second layer adjacent the first layer, said second layer having a density between~~

0.01 and 0.05 g/cc, and said second layer and said first layer being bonded together, wherein said first layer comprises a nonwoven web ~~made of~~ comprising polyolefin fibers.

27. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 26, wherein said polyolefin is polypropylene.

28. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 26, wherein said polyolefin fibers are polyethylene/ polypropylene conjugate fibers.

29. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, further comprising apertures in said first layer.

30. (amended) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein said first layer ~~is made of~~ comprises a spunbond nonwoven web.

31. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein said second layer comprises conjugated fibers.

32. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein said second layer is more wettable than said first layer.

33. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the second layer is not creased.

34. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 23, wherein the third layer is not creased.

35. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 34, wherein the second layer is not creased.

36. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the first layer comprises creases with a depth between 0.25 mm and 2 mm and a frequency between 5 and 100 creases per centimeter.

37. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 23, wherein the first layer comprises spunbond polyethylene/propylene conjugate fibers and the second and third layers comprises uncreased spunbond polyethylene/polypropylene fibers on either side thereof, said layers being bonded together by through-air bonding.

38. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the absorbent core comprises pulp.

39. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 38, wherein the absorbent core further comprises a superabsorbent material.

40. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, further comprising a backsheet.

41. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the second layer fills the creased layer.

42. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the personal care product is a feminine hygiene pad.

43. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the personal care product is a diaper.

44. (previously added) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the personal care product is an adult incontinence product.